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## Response to Restriction Requirement:

In response to the office communication mailed on 12/31/02 by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified patent application, in which office communication restriction was required between Group-I claims 21-24, 27-29 and 32-34 and Group-II claims 25, 26, 30 and 31 of this patent application, applicants select Group-I claims for consideration by the Examiner.

## Cancellation of the Group-II Claims:

Please cancel Group-II claims 25, 26, 30 and 31, subject to the filing of a divisional patent application that will be directed to the subject matter that is defend by the Group-II claims

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